REMARKS

Currently claims 1-74 remain in the application. Claims 1, 18, 20, 22, 48, 53 and 66 have been amended. Claims 1-74 are rejected. Applicant believes no new matter has been added.
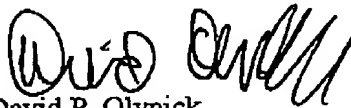
Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barrie USP 5,980,384 in view of Coelho et al USP 5,466,866.

Barrie describes a gaming apparatus that allows wagering on a game of chance. Barrie is silent in regards to how its displayed graphics are generated. Coelho describes graphical techniques including the use of sprites. Coelho is silent in regards to wagering type gaming machines and games, such as slot games.

All pending claims describe limitations such as, "storing to the memory device specifications for a plurality of sprites including a sprite for simulating a slot reel used in a game of chance," and "generating a motion of the slot reel for the game of chance on a display coupled to the gaming device using the sprite." Barrie doesn't describe how its graphics are generated. Thus, Barrie can't be said to teach or suggest these limitations. Coelho doesn't describe slot machines or in particular, generating a motion of the slot reel using a sprite. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the combination of Barrie and Coelho can't be said to render obvious the claims of the present invention and the rejection of claims 1-74 is believed overcome thereby.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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